

About the Artists Now Exhibiting in the Cape Coral Library Art Gallery July 6 thru August 30, 2023

ON THE WALLS OF THE GALLERY- PAINTINGS BY BETH BLEWETT

The walls of the library gallery feature paintings by award-winning artist Beth Blewett. She began a long-held dream of becoming a working artist by taking classes at the Cape Coral Art League after retiring from a rewarding profession as a plant biologist and corporate R&D director. Her working career had allowed her to visit many locations across the United States and internationally, and gain an appreciation for the natural and cultural wonders that exist in the world. After retirement Beth and her husband relocated full-time to Cape Coral in 2015. In addition to inspirational travel in their little trailer nicknamed "Baby AI," painting is now Beth's avocation, enjoyment and the medium through which she hopes to convey her love for the world of nature, the people, and the places of this blue planet we call home. She paints primarily with acrylics but occasionally employs pastels or oils, and her next challenge is to explore alternative methods and subjects, including landscapes, which she finds the most challenging of all. Beth Blewett is a member of the Cape Coral Art League, Pine Island Art Association, Alliance for the Arts and the Visual Art Center in Punta Gorda. Her paintings have won numerous awards across these locations, including "Best of Show" at the 2017 and 2019 Pine Island Art Shows.

If interested in purchasing her art displayed here, contact Beth: 317-796-5606, tblewett@me.com. Please mention "Library Art Exhibit."

IN THE CASES- GOURD ART BY BARBARA GOMES & VEDA KRUST

Gourd art by Barbara Gomes and Veda Krust is on exhibit in the three lighted display cases. There is a lengthy process involved in creating these beautifully decorated and embellished pieces of art. It starts with collecting an assortment of special gourds in varying shapes and sizes that have been dried for approximately two years. The gourds are then carefully cut open and cleaned out. Wood-burning, drilling, carving, dying with ink and/or painting may then be employed for a desired visual effect. Ornamented tops may be added. Natural materials, beads, pieces of costume jewelry or other decorations can be applied to result in a unique work of art. Veda had enjoyed using dried gourds as an artistic medium for twenty years before sharing her techniques over a decade ago with friend Barbara, who became instantly hooked as well! What began more or less as a hobby for both women evolved into a dedicated pursuit, and the local community now has the opportunity to appreciate their creations at various art shows, craft fairs and galleries.

If interested in purchasing gourd art on display, contact the individual artist shown on the title card. Barbara: 239-541-5396, sgomes1942@yahoo.com - Veda: 239-677-7723, mjkrust@gmail.com

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